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## State of Israel Bonds to honor Sara and Zeev Vered

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

He was born in Oberhausen, Germany; she in Tel Aviv, Israel. Both were with the Haganah and fought in Israel's War of Independence; he as an officer, she as a wireless operator.

This June, Sara and Zeev Vered, whose longstanding history of commitment to Jewish causes is legendary, will be honored by State of Israel Bonds.

The tribute to the Vereds will take the form of a gala Israeli Champagne Brunch, on Sunday, June 9 at Machzikei Hadas Congregation. Yeshayahu Anug, former ambassador of Israel to Canada, will be the keynote speaker.

In making the announcement, Arnie Vered said: "Since arriving in Ottawa in the 50s, my mother and my father have worked individually and together in achieving goals that have benefitted Israel, our Jewish community and our community at large."

"For my family and me it is a labor of love to honor Sara and Zeev Vered through the State of Israel Bonds Campaign."

Zeev Vered was born Wolf Wirth in 1926, the third of four children in a German Jewish family. In the early 1930s, his father, a successful businessman and ardent Zionist, uprooted the family to Holland where, he felt, it would be easier to procure visas to emigrate to Palestine. He was mistaken and the Wirths returned to Germany.

"Then, one day in 1935, my father saw the Hitler Youth marching, came home and said 'that's that,'" Zeev remembers. Once again, the Wirth family pulled up stakes, this time reaching their destination.

When he entered school in Haifa, Wolf's teacher



Sara and Zeev Vered

told him, "Here you will be called Zeev." (Hebrew for Wolf).

With the outbreak of the Second World War, Zeev,

then 14, joined the Haganah.

The young recruit ultimately fought with the Haganah's Givati battalion. Shortly after Israel's victory in the War of Independence, Prime Minister David Ben Gurion asked all Israeli army officers to hebraicize their names. Zeev Wirth readily complied, becoming Zeev Vered.

Zeev might have carved out a career in the Israel Defense Forces but a chance meeting changed his life. Returning to Israel by boat from Cyprus, a friend of Zeev's encountered the first group of McGill University students en route to Israel. Hearing that they wanted to find someone to show them the country, he suggested Zeev Vered.

When a participant in the group learned Zeev wanted to study engineering but couldn't afford to, she suggested he apply as a foreign student to McGill.

Despite the fact that he had not fully completed his high school studies, in 1950, Zeev was accepted into second year Civil Engineering. Both he and Sara, who enrolled in another discipline, made history as McGill's first Israeli students.

Following graduation Zeev negotiated a deal with Ottawan Sam Macy to construct an apartment building. After he commuted between Montreal and Ottawa for six months, Sara and their young son, Gilad, joined him in Ottawa in March 1956.

Zeev went on to found Ron Engineering and Construction Ltd., Arnon Development Corporation Ltd. and Gilad Parking. As he prospered, countless causes in the Jewish and general communities and in Israel

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## Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations



By Estelle Melzer

The Jewish community of Ottawa will come together at 151 Chapel on Tuesday evening, April 23, to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 48th anniversary of independence. The Jewish Community Centre's annual birthday party for Israel will be a ruach-filled celebration with lots of singing, dancing, food, and hands-on activities. Admission is free to encourage everyone in the community to attend.

The evening will begin at 6:45 pm sharp with a solemn Yom Hazikaron memorial service in honor of those who died to ensure the existence of the State of Israel. The Israella Singers under the direction of Shirley Steinberg will commemorate their sacrifice.

Then, at sunset, the sound of a siren will announce the beginning of Yom Ha'Atzmaut and the celebration will begin. Israeli singer Shelly Ovdad will lead the community in the

singing and dancing.

The spirit of Israel will be evoked in a variety of displays and projects. A mini Kotel will be set up and people will be encouraged to write personal messages and wishes to place on the wall. All messages will then be sent to Israel.

Posters and murals by the students of the various Hebrew schools on the theme of "Building for our Future" will decorate the walls of the auditorium. A photography display of Israel's flora and fauna will be provided by the Embassy of Israel, as well as photographs of Israel taken by Ottawans as part of the JCC's "Picture Israel" Photo Contest.

An activity everyone will want to take part in will be the "Buy-a-Tile, Build-a-Wall" project.

For \$5.00, a family or individual can purchase a tile and paint a design on it — a picture, a message of hope or even a family name. All tiles will be incorporated into a special wall at the new JCC.

Balloons and face-painting will add to the festive spirit and Israeli-style food will be available from 5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 24, the community is invited to Ottawa City Hall at 12:15 pm for the raising of the flag of Israel. Mayor Jacquelin Holzman will bring greetings from the City of Ottawa and Eli Yerushalmi, charge d'affaires of the Embassy of Israel, will give a brief address. Musical entertainment will be provided by Fioralove Katz and Natasha Guillier.

The JCC invites the community to join together to celebrate Israel's independence and vitality.

## Putting the "J" back into the JCC

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

If Ann Lynn Lipton had her way, 'Boruch Haba' would be written on every JCC staffer's forehead and every JCC member would have a sign reading, 'This is mine, I belong here.'

An impossibility, of course, but Lipton intends to create a warm, homey, glad-to-be-here atmosphere that says it all in the new JCC.

While the community pulls together to turn a longtime dream into reality, JCC Executive Director Ann Lynn Lipton is mandated with ensuring the dream lives up to its promise.

And she knows exactly what she's going to do.

"In Wilkes Barre there were always people smiling and laughing in the JCC lobby," Lipton says, recalling her years as assistant community director of that city's JCC and Federation. "Whenever I needed a laugh I would leave my office on the second floor and go downstairs."

Lipton means to develop the same feeling of 'hamishe chaos' in the Ottawa JCC.

"The JCC should be a home away from home for every Jew in our community," she says. "It should look beautiful and be as clean and inviting as possible. And there should be a kind of excitement running through it; noisy and busy with children running around, seniors shmoozing, people playing cards and doing the things they like to do together."

Lipton plans to model the Ottawa JCC on the facility she helped develop in Pennsylvania.

"What we want is a feeling of family, a feeling that everyone is tolerant of everyone else," she says. "A feeling that at the JCC everyone is comfortable and welcome."

Lipton already has put her combined background in Jewish education and JCC administration to work. Along with her staff, she has produced a raft of exciting and excellent programs for Spring '96.

"We won't let the inadequacies of our current building stand in the way of participa-

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## COMMENTARY

# A salute to Dr. Sid Kardash, UJA campaign chair



## VAAD REPORT

LAWRENCE GREENBERG  
PRESIDENT, VAAD HA'IR

It is the topic of "community", in the broadest sense, that I touch upon in virtually every column, speech, meeting and even casual discussion. Dr. Sid Kardash, this year's UJA campaign chair, exemplifies the very best of our community.

Sid is doing community work of the highest order: raising funds for our community's beneficiary agencies and for Israel - funds that are used here in Ottawa for the children of our schools, for the needy through JFS, for the elderly at Hillel Lodge, for the whole community through JCC programs and for the immigration and resettlement in Israel of imperiled Jews from throughout the world.

As part of a talk to the graduating class of Hillel Academy, Sid wanted to see how many of these Grade 8 students were involved in some way in the community. As it turns out, every single student in the class is involved in at least one way, and usually more, in both the Jewish and general Ottawa communities. That is quite an accomplishment and bodes well for these students as future leaders of our Ottawa Jewish community.

Students are not the only people with whom Sid has been talking. He has met with synagogue boards and school boards, major donors and much smaller donors, and committee upon committee. He has worked tirelessly with the professional administration of our community as well as hundreds of committed volunteer canvassers on the UJA team. Primary among them is Naomi Lipsky Cracower who so ably chaired Women's Division.

Sid Kardash has expanded his UJA cabinet to include representation from our synagogues and local agencies. He has made the UJA campaign a more inclusive community-wide effort and has brought people into the campaign who may not have otherwise been involved.

Notwithstanding the involvement of so many individuals, the one year stint as campaign chair feels like a lonely marathon. I know that virtually every day and night, Sid's life is consumed by the campaign.

In addition to raising funds for the ongoing operations of our community, Sid has served as a fine ambassador; he and his team have strengthened the bonds within our community. Leading by example, he has dedicated himself to building a better Ottawa Jewish community. Sid Kardash has handled himself with distinction and proven himself to be a passionate advocate and leader of our Jewish community.

We wish Sid and his whole campaign team a yasher koach for a job well done.

## The singles crisis

Ron, age 35, a comfortable Jewish professional attends synagogue regularly, is active in the community, but can't find a nice Jewish woman.

Mrs. Cohen would like to know why her daughter Carol, 30, can't find a nice Jewish man.

David and Susan would like to find a nice man for their mother Judy, age 50.

When G-d created the world, He looked "and saw that it was good." G-d realized that "it is not good for man to be alone." From the time of creation, individuals have been struggling, trying to find their "Zivug" (their match).

There are individuals who have chosen to be single and are not searching for their match. For the searchers, however, finding a match in our Jewish community can be a painful and frustrating experience. This personal crisis applies to both men and women. As a community concerned with continuity and intermarriage this becomes a communal issue. The solution, then, must be community wide. The singles crisis is of concern to all the rabbis and Jewish professionals, yet none of us can solve this problem single-handedly. No synagogue or Jewish communal agency can by itself truly satisfy the needs of its own members.

My suggestion, therefore, is a community-wide Task Force on Singles. This task force would cross all territorial boundaries and ballistics within the community with the aim of developing cooperative programming for the needs of our singles.

Singles scenes run the gamut of "the bar scene", "singles clubs", "singles registries", and "shadchan services". The problem, as one of my congregants pointed out, is that some "meet markets" are viewed as "meet markets". There are no simple answers to an extremely complex problem that has been perplexing singles and communities for many years.

The problems of the "seeking single" can be



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viewed on two levels, internal and external. Internally, many singles set themselves up for failure by unrealistic expectations of themselves, their potential match and of the community resources available to them. Externally, sometimes there truly are no appropriate programs for the needs of some individuals. Nevertheless, the loneliness is very real for those who are searching. Many of us, well meaning as we may be, sometimes contribute to the frustrations of the seeking single.

When tickets to communal events are priced per couple, or with family rates, how is a single to react? Unwelcome, uncoupled, invisible - at the end just plain lonely. At holiday and vacation times, somehow, some of our single friends tend to be forgotten.

Our community thankfully is blessed by many caring individuals and there are good programs available. Some existing community programs could become singles programs with little additional effort. For example, in Minneapolis, Super Sunday invited singles to work the last shift which was followed by a singles party.

Many single parents, usually single mothers, can find support, scholarships, reduced memberships, family education and day care to ease their task of single parenting. Some of our synagogues have sponsored singles programs, and our JCC has a growing program and a staff person working the singles scene. Much more, however, needs to be done in a coordinated effort involving all segments of our community.

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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE

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Ann Lynn Lipton

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tion in worthwhile communal activities," she says. "And we're getting as many people as we can to serve on committees and long-term planning task forces so that when we open the doors on Broadview in 1998, we'll have a lot of activities and inter-generational programs that reflect the whole community's needs."

To date, 50 volunteers have stepped forward to be part of the planning process, and Lipton is looking for as many more as she can find.

"A JCC is a state of mind," she says. "The building is a part of it, but it is also a sense of connectedness, an invisible string that connects us all together. It's not just a Jewish Community Centre but the centre of the Jewish community, not only for individuals but for organizations as well."

"What makes us different than other community centres is the soul, the Jewish soul. And that can be transmitted in so many different ways," Lipton says.

"I want to create a feeling of mishpocha in our JCC, a feeling of connected mishpocha, that will reach out to everybody."

In the short time since her arrival in Ottawa in January, the JCC has seen a revival of the Jewish Artists' Guild, some of whose works, she hopes, will decorate the new Broadview Campus building. The JCC Concert Band has also been revitalized and, Lip-

ton promises, the community will be hearing much more from the talented group of musicians.

Among the many family activities currently on the drawing board is a Yom Ha'Atzmaut program entitled 'Buy A Tile, Build A Wall,' where parents and children together will paint and put their signatures on a tile to be put up on a wall of the new JCC.

Lipton is determined, through programming, to put the 'J' back into the JCC.

"You know, the expression 'Das Pintele Yid?' she asks. 'Well, there's a little flicker of 'Das Pintele Yid' in all of us and, if you do the right thing, if you offer the right kind of programs, you can turn the flicker into a flame."

Lipton is delighted with the enormous sense of leadership exhibited by JCC President Ron Prehogan and his board who determined that what they needed in an executive director was someone with Jewish programming experience.

"They have exhibited great sensitivity in spearheading the formation of focus groups to explore what the community wants in terms of its new Centre," Lipton says. "I am very proud to be working closely with all of them."

"This is a wonderful Jewish community with a great many resources and it deserves a wonderful and vibrant JCC," she adds.

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benefitted from his time, commitment and philanthropy.

Most recently, he and Sara established the Charpak/Vered Exchange Fellowship with the Weizmann Institute. The grateful open heart surgery patient also presented the largest gift ever donated to the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and Ottawa Civic Hospital.

Sara Charpak was born in Tel Aviv in 1929, the year of the Hebron massacre.

"My father had been negotiating for a permit to open a soft drink factory in Hebron but the official was giving him the run-around so he went to Jerusalem and opened a grocery store," Sara says. "That cat-and-mouse game saved my family."

Sara's parents immigrated to Israel from Russia at the end of World War I. An astute businessman, her father eventually bought out a bankrupt pasta factory and ultimately amalgamated the business with two others to produce the renowned Osem line of food products.

Sara and her three siblings, a sister and two brothers, grew up in Jerusalem. As a high school student she joined Hagana, a Haganah youth-affiliate. In grade 12, she was chosen to serve in the communications branch of the Haganah as a wireless operator.

"It was very secret, a tremendous responsibility for a 17 year old," she explains. "If you were caught with a transmitter you'd be sent to jail."

As the fight for independence escalated, Sara received increasingly dangerous assignments.

"It got so bad that I realized if the Arabs didn't kill me my mother would!" she laughs.

At McGill, Sara registered in a political science and economics program. The birth of son, Gilad, terminated that segment of her education.

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Ever-resourceful, Sara Vered managed to create new dreams; in 1978, she received a BA in art history and religion from Carleton University. In 1988 both she and Zeev were accorded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ottawa.

She has given generously of her time and expertise to the Ottawa Jewish community. She is past chair of Women's Division, United Jewish Appeal, and past chair of both the 25th and 35th Anniversary Celebrations of the State of Israel. She is past chair of the Ottawa Chapter, Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation and serves as a member of its national board.

Her interest in art has led to significant involvement with the National Gallery of Canada and Toronto's Royal Ontario Museum.

The Vereds are the parents of three sons, Gilad married to Susan (Viner); Arnon married to Elizabeth (Adessky); and Ron; and the proud grandparents of seven grandchildren.

Sara and Zeev Vered have made outstanding contributions to the quality of Jewish life in Ottawa and Canada as well as in Israel and throughout the world. Almost every Jewish cause has benefitted from their generosity and commitment. Today their involvement has acquired an added dimension as their sons follow the example set by their parents.


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# Notice of the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community of Ottawa

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Jewish Community Council/Ottawa Vaad Ha'R which governs the affairs of the Jewish Community of Ottawa, notice is hereby given that the Sixty Second Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, June 4th, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, for the purpose of receiving reports and financial statements, and for the election of Officers and Trustees for the coming year.

Every member of the Jewish Community of Ottawa who is eighteen years of age and over and a contributor in good standing during the current year to the United Jewish Appeal of Ottawa is invited to attend and is eligible to vote for Officers and Trustees-at-Large. No participating member of the community may vote by proxy.

The By-Laws call for the election of a President, a First and Second Vice-President, a Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary and a Board of Trustees composed of representatives of synagogues and organizations, beneficiary agencies, youth and the clergy.

The names of these designates for 1996-97 are shown alongside this column. The Board of Trustees includes 30 Trustees-at-Large, 10 of whom are elected each year for a period of three years.

Officers may serve only two consecutive one-year terms in their respective offices. No person is eligible to be an Officer unless he or she has sat as a Trustee for the prior year.

The Constitution also provides for the appointment of a Nominating Committee which has the responsibility

**Tuesday, June 4, 1996  
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ity of selecting a Slate of Officers and Trustees-at-Large for the ensuing year and proposing their names to every known participating member of the community.

This Committee has met and their recommendations are as follows:

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Other persons eligible to be elected as Officers and Trustees-at-Large may be nominated in writing and their name will appear on the ballot, provided that the person so nominated consents in writing to be a nominee, ten other participating members of the Jewish Community sign the nomination papers; and that the nomination papers are received by Tuesday, May 14.

Should there be any further nominations, the community will receive notice of the names of such nominees and positions in the Bulletin of May 20.

- Lawrence Greenberg, President

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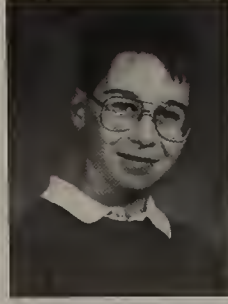
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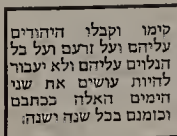
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Robyn Ruttenberg with Michael Penso as he practices for his upcoming aliyah at Agudath Israel.

### Portrait of a super Tamir volunteer

By Lisa Giffin and Nancy Fryer

Tamir Foundation is very fortunate indeed to have Robyn Ruttenberg among its company of devoted volunteers. In her own unique way, she remains a welcome sight in our midst; a ray of sunshine on a dull wintry day. Robyn recently graduated from Career Canada College in medical lab assisting and is also involved in organizing activities for the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. She enjoys participating in our "Passover Third Seder" and this year she planned a special program for the residents so that each could take part in the celebration.

She is a busy young person, engrossed in her own studies and involved in the Jewish community, and when asked how she finds the time to continue her weekly visits, she remarks: "Tamir is my second home, my extended family, and I truly value every second I spend with the guys."

On Wednesdays, Robyn shares her extensive knowledge of Jewish tradition, philosophy and Hebrew with Michael Penso at Tamir's group home. Michael is currently practicing brachot for an upcoming 'aliyah' at Agudath Israel Congregation. When prayers have been recited and studies completed, he also enjoys engaging in informal talk with Robyn, entertaining her with his unyielding logic. During their sessions, Robyn gets a kick out of the way Mike tests her concentration. He'll skip over a couple of Hebrew words and then glance sideways to see if she's noticed! Occasionally Robyn concludes her visits by staying for supper, and the rest of the guys are delighted to share this time with her.

Robyn continues on her way to Lee Waxman's "Supported Independent Living" apartment, to teach him the Hebrew alphabet. Here the discussion takes a different direction, ranging in topics from the location of G-d to questions concerning the weekly reading of the Torah. In Robyn's words: "Sometimes the existential nature of Lee's questions just blows me away!"

Once a month, on Sunday, as part of her volunteer commitment, Robyn visits the Rideau Regional Centre in Smiths Falls where she provides "Jewish Cultural Programming" to 14 residents. This venture enables Robyn to reach out to a group of people hungry for a taste of their Jewish culture. Of course, they also appreciate the taste of the "nosh" she and Tamir counsellor Joe Marques offer during each visit!

Finally, Robyn describes the time she spends at Tamir as "quality time in a busy day". She states that no matter how she feels upon entering Tamir, she always leaves with a smile and an inner feeling of having made a difference.

Perhaps you are interested in becoming a volunteer - even if it's only occasionally, i.e. accompanying the guys to a football game or a concert. Or do you know of someone with a developmental disability who might be interested in having a Tamir volunteer as a friend?

We invite you to contact Nancy Fryer (728-5658) and we'll work with you to identify a suitable match and provide support to make your experience a success.

## A childhood of pain

By Lynne Cohen

Yonat Klar, an Israeli actress who is visiting Ottawa for a year, recently performed a one-woman show, *Childhood: A True Story of the Holocaust* at Temple Israel.

Based on the 1972 autobiographical book, *Childhood*, by Jona Oberski, who now lives and works in Amsterdam as a nuclear physicist, the play tells the devastating story of how young Jona and his parents were forced in the middle of the night to leave Nazi-occupied Amsterdam on a train bound for Bergen-Belsen.

Using very few props - mainly toys meant as



Yonat Klar

birthday gifts but never opened by Jona before being torn from his home - Yonat nevertheless manages to help the audience sympathize with the pain and terror of a child who loses his parents while he is still young.

Yonat, a child of Holocaust survivors, says she performs *Childhood* "because the subject chose me."

A graduate of the University of Connecticut's Theatre and Judaic Studies program, she currently works at Massuah, an institute for teaching the Holocaust to students from Israel and other countries.

## Leonard Lefkovitch to discuss musical instruments

By Geri Migicovsky

Leonard Lefkovitch has been collecting rare and beautiful musical instruments for many years. He started playing the violin at the age of seven. He developed an interest in the history of music and musical instruments while in the Netherlands in 1946. The first bowed instrument that he bought was a viola d'amore, followed by various members of the viol (viola da gamba) family as well as others of hybrid origin. Lefkovitch's latest acquisition is a recently restored quinton, dating from about

1710. He considers two bows ("pre-Tourte") to be the most interesting in his collection.

Lefkovitch will display a large part of his collection at a meeting of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, Ottawa Branch, on Sunday, May 5 at 7:00 pm at the home of Dr. David and Miriam Algom, 24 Cedarhill Drive. He will be on hand to play some of the instruments and will give a short talk about his collection.

Members and prospective members are asked to RSVP to Geri Migicovsky (729-0333) or Ruth Calof (523-1600).



## École Maimonides Science Fair winners

This year, students at École Maimonides presented exceptional projects at the Science Fair.

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## A remarkable story of survival

In the April 8, 1996 issue of the Bulletin, Dr. Erwin Koranyi, in possession of a passport issued by Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, shared his experiences in the Second World War. In this issue his wife, Edie Koranyi, tells her story.

By Cynthia Nyman Engel

On Sunday afternoon, March 19, 1944, Eda Rona was swimming with school chums in a public pool in Budapest.

"All of a sudden we see these boots marching along the side of the pool area," she remembers, "and we hear shouts of, 'Jews! Out! Out!'"

So began an odyssey of terror for the Jewish teenager who, miraculously, would survive the war and wind up in Canada with fellow Hungarian, Dr. Erwin Koranyi.

The second of three sisters, Eda, affectionately known as Edie, was born and raised in Hungary. Like many Jews, for purposes of business, Edie's father had Hungarianized the family surname: Rosenbaum became Rona. Edie was just 12 when her mother died shortly before the Second World War from complications following surgery. Six months earlier, Margaret Rona had refused a cousin's offer to take her three daughters to safety in Uruguay.

"You know, in those days, even after the invasion of Austria, we felt it's never going to happen in Hungary," she says. "Why, my father had been decorated for fighting in the First World War! We were fools like everybody in Europe," she says.

From March 19 to April 1, Edie was confined in a Budapest Jewish seminary with hundreds of others. She tried, in vain, to get a message out to her family.

"We slept on the floor and they gave us minimal food," she remembers. "The conditions were terrible. We never



Edie Koranyi

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## Elaine Rabin honored

A luncheon was recently held in honor of Elaine Rabin, the retiring executive director of Jewish Family Services (JFS). The tribute brought together some 40 people representing 20 different organizations in Ottawa-Carleton.

JFS was cited as the driving force in building a partnership among agencies serving immigrants as well as mainstream organizations. Through these initiatives, JFS was able to create job opportunities for many newcomers. In particular, the mentoring role JFS has played in the Somali community resulted in an improvement in its community relations and client service.



## Laughter is the best medicine!

Raconteur and popular TV celebrity, Ralph Benmurgui will be the guest entertainer at this year's Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO Medical Services event.

*Benmurgui Live!* is a fast-paced one-hour national phone-in program which airs weekdays on CEC TV's *Newsworld*. Benmurgui's career has included films, TV and stage performances as well as radio.

Circle Tuesday, May 28 for an evening of fun and entertainment at Machzikei Hadas. The program will begin at 7:30 pm with a decadent dessert buffet. Then you will be able to sit back and relax and laugh away all the calories



Ralph Benmurgui

as the evening's special guest entertains you.

Medical Services is a major fundraiser for Ottawa Hadassah-WIZO and this year all proceeds will fund the new Vascular Surgery Unit at the Assaf Harofeh Hospital. Tickets are \$18 each, plus a minimum family donation of \$18. Donations of \$36 or more pledged or received by May 15 will be published in the program booklet.

The event is open to the whole community. To receive an invitation or to purchase tickets, call Elsa Swedko in the Hadassah-WIZO office (226-3850).

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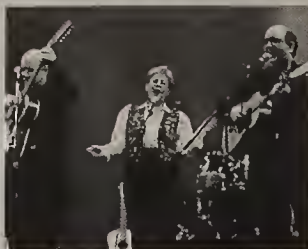
"We can be proud of the Jewish talent in this city"

"It's good to get together to celebrate!"

"The Couriers brought back many wonderful memories. They are fantastic. I could have listened to them all night!"

These and many more were the comments heard after the "Gala Evening of Celebration" which took place on March 28, in the Centrepoint Theatre. One of the best attended community functions in a long time it brought together Jewish people from every segment of the community. The silent auction which took place before the performance saw many people bidding fervently for the items of their choice.

Delicious desserts served by a local Jewish youth group, the artful display of the auction items and most importantly the brilliant performance made it an evening to be long remembered.



The Couriers brought back many memories (Photos: Ron Zeitlin)



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## Jewish cemetery in Venice languishes in neglected state

VENICE (JTA) - Nearly 180 years ago, when the great English poet Lord Byron lived here, he loved to go horseback riding on the Lido, the strip of island that protects the Venetian Lagoon from the Adriatic Sea.

With companions such as fellow poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, he would ride through what Shelley described as a sandy, windswept wasteland.

It was an especially haunting wasteland, however.

"The spot where we usually rode," wrote Byron's friend, British Consul Richard Belgrave Hoppner, "was a Jewish cemetery whose walls had been pulled down and stones overturned by the French."

The ancient Jewish Cemetery on the Venice Lido was founded in the 1380s, but by the time Byron was riding there, it had not been used for burials for half a century.

Although the cemetery is one of the treasures of European Jewish heritage, it has languished in a virtually abandoned state for more than 200 years while the rest of the Lido was developed into an area of homes, beach resorts, hotels and a big casino.

Time, neglect and human destruction have taken their toll, and today alarm bells are going off about the cemetery's deteriorating condition.

Venice's tiny Jewish community as well as international monuments preservation organizations such as Save Venice,

Inc. and the World Monuments Fund are seeking sponsors for urgently needed repairs and conservation operations.

"Unless we intervene, little will remain after only a few more years," according to the current issue of the Save Venice, Inc. newsletter.

"This cemetery has had a tormented life," said Aldo Izzo, a Jewish retired sea captain who has devoted the past decade to looking after both the ancient cemetery and a newer Jewish cemetery nearby.

For four centuries, the ancient cemetery served as the only burial ground for Venetian Jews. Funerals took place in convoys of gondolas that set sail from the ghetto, at the northern edge of Venice.

The cemetery was finally abandoned about 1770, and the newer cemetery, which is still in use today, was opened several hundred yards away.

In the 1920s, a large part of the cemetery was destroyed to construct a road along the shore. Tombstones were pulled up and laid on the ground or against the walls in the main cemetery area - and here they remain to this day.

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## Babes in Arms rehearsals in full swing

By Pat Neuman  
Co-producer,  
JCC Theatreworks  
*Babes in Arms*

Rehearsals for Rodgers and Hart's *Babes in Arms* began right after the March break, and the cast got right into the show. They began with some of the songs and the blocking of the first few scenes. Producers who attended those first few rehearsals remarked on how strong the chorus sounded already. Cast members also seemed to ease right into their characters as they worked on each scene. Next, they begin the choreography and start the dancing.

While the cast go about learning their lines, practising their songs and blocking their scenes, the production team is also getting prepared for the big show. Sets are being planned and assembled, costumes are being designed and tentatively assigned to cast members preceding the try-ons.

Finally, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, the JCC Social Hall is buzzing with

energetic teens running through their scenes.

There are many reasons why *Babes in Arms* remains the most popular Rodgers and Hart musical and a great choice for a company such as JCC Theatreworks. The script contains some of the most innovative situations and funniest lines in musical theatre. Most parts are written for a young cast, as the show is set in a New England summer stock theatre company made up of college students. The song numbers (including such perennial favourites as *The Lady is a Tramp*) are ideal for a youthful, energetic cast. Our cast are obviously having a great time working on this show.

Choice seats for the Thursday evening and Sunday matinee performances of *Babes in Arms* have been set aside for Patrons. In recent years, because of the growing audiences and high quality of JCC Theatreworks shows, these choice seats have sold out. Patrons will receive priority consideration for tickets and are eligible to purchase select seating. They will also be recognized in



*Babes in Arms* cast sings out.

the souvenir programme book and receive a tax receipt for their \$36.00 contribution.

Tickets are \$16.00 and represent one of the best values in family entertainment in Ottawa. JCC Theatreworks has earned a reputa-

tion in the Ottawa theatre community for high quality productions. As well as a talented, high energy young cast, our shows feature a full professional orchestra, and colourful sets, costumes and theatre effects guaranteed to provide a

unique live theatre experience.

*Babes in Arms* will be presented at Centrepiece Theatre on June 5 to 9. To become a patron and order select seating for your family and friends please call Andrea at the JCC, 789-1818.

## JCC offers new spring programs for all ages and interests

By Estelle Melzer

Spring is finally here, and everyone's step is a little lighter and spirit a little brighter.

One feels energized and open to new plans and activities. In the spirit of spring the JCC has put together a variety of exciting new programs for all ages.

The Junior Department is offering Sunday Funday - five Sundays packed with activities for kids in grade one and up. Each Sunday afternoon a child can choose two different activities from a truly diverse and exciting "menu." Activities include cartooning, video-making, soapstone carving, magic workshops, mask-making, unusual art and craft workshops, science workshops, and much, much more. Each week, a different sport will also be offered.

Sunday Funday runs from April 21 to May 26 at 881 Broadview. Children can sign up for the entire program or register just for the Sundays that fit their schedules. Classes are filling up fast. To find out what is still available please call Gale at 722-9235.

The JCC's Adult Department also has an attractive lineup of spring programs. (Please see page C4 for details.) A number of classes explore our rich Jewish heritage in various ways. JCC Execu-

tive Director Ann Lynn Lipton will offer four lunch time classes during May on Basic Judaism. The format will be informal and participants are encouraged to ask any questions about any aspects of Jewish observances, rituals, holidays, etc. These Tuesday classes also include optional lunch in the Drop-in Diner. It's food for the body and the soul, in one enjoyable package.

The well-known Discovery program returns to Ottawa on Sunday, May 5 for a mini-workshop focusing on the origins of anti-Semitism, "the oldest hatred." This will be an enlightening and positive lecture, sure to transform the way you view yourself, your Jewishness and your history. The JCC is also co-sponsoring with JET a series of eight weekly classes on Wednesday evenings on various aspects of Judaism.

Two new programs encourage a "hands on" approach to Judaism. The Shape of Judaism is a clay modelling workshop devoted to creating personalized mezuzahs or Shabbat candles. As well, a studio will soon be set up to teach the weaving of tallit.

Courses are offered on learning new skills - bridge, mah jong, watercolour painting. There are

also a number of information mini-courses. Money Smart is a two session workshop for women which covers the basics of financial planning, investing, estate planning, domestic contracts, wills and more. It provides information that all women should know in an informal question-friendly atmosphere. Basic Car Maintenance for women is a Sunday morning session that will help women learn more about the vehicle they drive and how to keep it healthy and happy.

Anyone interested in discussing current events is invited to join "In the Know," a wide-ranging discussion group led by a very knowledgeable facilitator, Sharon Sholberg-Gray. The group meets every second Wednesday at the JCC, and new participants are always welcome.

Programs of special interest to older adults include "Heart Alive", a CPR course modified for seniors, and a painting course with Rosalyn Pastner, who specializes in encouraging new artists to explore their creative side.

Spring is a time to reach out and try something new. Join the spirit of spring at the JCC.

For more information about any of these programs please call the JCC at 789-1818.



Strike up the band!

The JCC Concert Band presents its Spring Thaw Concert

## JCC Concert Band warms up a spring evening

By Diane Koven

The JCC Concert Band attracted a crowd of almost fifty for its Spring Thaw Concert on April 1 in spite of the fact that it was just before Pesach.

Those who came were treated to a very entertaining evening of music. The lively program began with the theme from *Exodus* and included an eclectic selection of tunes. A medley of Jewish favourites was interspersed with Cole Porter, *Fiddler on the Roof* tunes and old-time classics. The 2 + 2 Sax Quartet performed. Dr. David Malek and Ben Greenberg

played solos.

The audience and band members mingled over coffee and cookies following the concert, reluctant to have the evening end.

It is hoped that more members of our community will have an opportunity to enjoy the music of the JCC Concert Band in the coming months. The band is available to play for annual meetings, special events and fundraisers, at seniors' residences and for other occasions. If you are interested in booking the band, please call Diane at the JCC, 789-1818.



## JCC Day Camp thrilled with its unbeatable team of Heads and Specialists

By Rhoda Levitan,  
JCC Day Camp Director

Summer is coming and the directors of JCC Day Camp just can't wait. Our aim was to hire the very best staff and offer terrific new programming, and we're delighted now to make that goal a promise!

The department heads and specialists we have hired are, we believe, the finest anywhere. Some are familiar faces to our camp; others are new. Together they are an unbeatable team.

### Zivah Stocker Swimming

Zivah Stocker, last year's assistant swim director, is returning as our head of swim. Zivah, a third year student at the University of Ottawa, has the highest level of national qualifications plus the bonus of a warm personality. Zivah was a very popular instructor last year and we are confident that she and her staff will run a superb swim program. Our program now includes a daily 40 minute Red Cross instruction class plus daily free swim. We believe that this structure will be very effective in helping our campers develop swimming skills.



### Joey Lyman Sports

Joey Lyman, head of sports, will supervise a program which includes skill instruction for all ages this summer. Joey, who is one of our most popular counselors (and definitely our tallest), is excited about the program. Athletic, personable and great with kids of all ages, Joey is sure to make your child feel good about sports. This summer the Maccabi Youth Games will be taking place not only in New Jersey. JCC Day Camp is planning its very own camp-wide Maccabiah at 881 Broadview.



### Keren Gordon Performing Arts

We're thrilled to welcome Keren Gordon to the JCC as head of performing arts. Keren is a graduate of the Canterbury High School drama program and will be attending university this fall. Multi-talented Keren sings like a bird, dances, and can act up a storm - but most importantly, she loves kids and kids love her. She is an experienced counselor who, last year, earned the counselor of the year award from Camp B'nai B'rith.

Keren has planned a fabulous program which will be of interest to all age groups. Activities include puppet making, clowning, improvisation and creative movement, acting out nursery rhymes, production of kids "commercials" and more.

The program will climax in an end-of-season camp play. We expect that this event will mark the debut of many new stars.



### Jenny Levine, Arts and Crafts Plus

The plus is Jenny Levine, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, who will be going to Teacher's College in September. Jenny has many years of camp experience, as a camper, counselor and head staff. She comes with glowing letters of reference from her previous positions. For example, Deborah Caytak, head of Tiny Treasures Nursery School, where Jenny is an assistant teacher comments that "Jenny breathes creativity, can make something from nothing, and communicates beautifully with children, parents and staff members."



### Micah Potechin, Shira/Ruach

This new position, created to add fun and a real sense of spirit to camp life, will be led by Micah Potechin. Kids who were at JCC Camp last year and know Micah will agree - he is the ideal person for this job. Energetic and talented, Micah will use his guitar, vast collection of CDs and enthusiasm for Jewish life to make shira (song) and ruach (spirit) contagious. Micah will also be our head chef for Friday barbecues and, together with Keren Gordon, will lead our Friday afternoon Oneg Shabbats.



### Erin Ramsey, Science

Another new specialty this year, Science will be led by Erin Ramsey. Erin's scientific knowledge and enthusiasm about doing "neat things" that kids can relate to will add a new dimension to our camp program. What will this new specialty involve? We want to keep some surprises for the opening of camp but we can tell you that it will be a unique mix of activities - some hand on "mad science," some interesting chemical reactions, and an elaborate agriculture program in which campers will help create a garden and can watch their seedlings grow throughout the summer. We also hope to get an incubator and hatch our own baby chicks.



### Lisa Isenberg, LITs/CITs

Lisa Isenberg will be head of this very important part of our camp program - the training of new young counselors. Lisa is a graduate of the University of Ottawa currently working on her ECE specialization, and planning on attending Teachers College this fall. Last summer, she was assistant director of the Hamilton JCC Day Camp. Her maturity, experience, personality and confidence make her the exceptional person we were looking for to manage a topnotch LIT/CIT program. A combination of serious leadership training, real life counselor and specialty experience and lots of fun, this program is the JCC's investment in our community's teens and in our camp's future and we are very proud that it is part of our camp agenda.

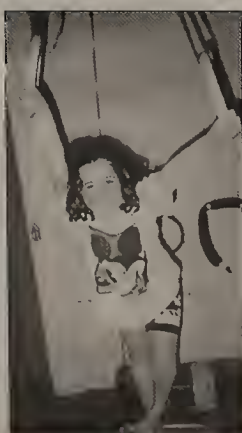


## I'M HUNG UP ON JCC SPORTS CAMP

Sports include: swimming instruction, soccer, basketball, football, gymnastics, racquetball, lacrosse, tennis, canoeing, waterskiing, mini-golf, bowling, fencing, horseback riding, windsurfing, Expos, Lynx and Roughriders Games.

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## New...New...New... Spring Programs for Teens



### JOB WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

For ages 14 - 18.

Getting a job in today's market is tough for teens, but there are skills that can help you. Learn the different techniques for resume writing. Learn how to prepare for a job interview.

Date: Monday, May 13  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Place: 831 Broadview  
Cost: \$5.00 (JCC Membership required)  
Instructor: Avalee Prehogan,  
Division Director - Account Temps

To register or for more information please call Andrea at 789-1818.

### SUPER SITTERS COURSE

For tweens and teens aged 11 years and older  
A certification course of the St. John's Ambulance  
Sundays, April 21 & 28  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
at 151 Chapel  
Cost: \$30.00 (JCC Membership required)



A program of the Jewish Community Centre

The JCC Road Trip Club  
invites you to join us for  
a trip to Montreal to see  
**THE MONTREAL EXPOS/  
LOS ANGELES  
DODGERS BASEBALL  
GAME**



View this exciting game from choice box seats!

**Sunday, May 26**

Coach departs from 881 Broadview  
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(The Girl Guides level before Brownies)  
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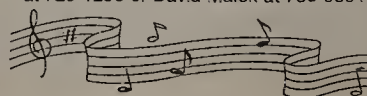
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Training provided by Girl Guides of Canada.  
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For more information please call Eric Elkin  
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## Spring into Action with Spring Programs For Adults at the JCC



### FOUR TUESDAYS IN MAY

A Basic Judaism Course  
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An opportunity to learn "everything you always wanted to know about Judaism, but didn't know who to ask." Now you can ask any questions you want, in a friendly, informal setting, about Jewish practices, symbols, rituals, holidays, or other aspects of our rich tradition. This course will be held in conjunction with the JCC's Drop-in Diner and will offer both intellectual and gastronomic stimulation.

Date: Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28  
Time: 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. - lunch  
12:45 - 2:00 p.m. - lecture/discussion  
Place: Social Hall, JCC, 151 Chapel  
Instructor: Ann Lynn Lipton, M.A., Jewish Education  
JCC Executive Director  
Cost: \$24.00 (including 4 lunches)  
\$20.00 (lectures only)



### THE SHAPE OF JUDAISM Clay Modelling Workshop

Spend a stimulating Sunday morning creating a unique mezzuzah or a pair of Shabbat candlesticks. No experience necessary, just a willingness to get your hands dirty and a desire to have fun. A minimum of 6 participants required.

Date: Sunday, May 26  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Place: The Studio, JCC, 151 Chapel  
Instructor: Carol Steinberg  
Cost: \$20.00 (including materials)



### IN THE KNOW

A Current Affairs Discussion Group

The spring session of this popular program will deal with current events in Canada and around the world. Keep in step with fast-breaking news and the issues behind the headlines with a discussion leader who really is "in the know."

Date: Wednesdays - March 27, April 17, May 1, 15, 29  
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Place: JCC, 151 Chapel  
Facilitator: Sharon Sholberg-Gray  
Cost: \$27.00



### BEGINNER'S BRIDGE

Popular instructor Gail Wegman describes her course as "a fun way to serious bridge" and former students will agree. Whether you want to play social bridge or duplicate, this course will provide you with an exciting new skill! Maximum of 12.

Date: Mondays, April 22 - June 10 (no class May 20)  
Time: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Place: 881 Broadview  
Instructor: Gail Wegman  
Cost: \$54.00



### MAH JONGG

Do you play, or would you like to learn? Every Tuesday after lunch in the Drop-in Diner you'll have an opportunity to spend a pleasant afternoon playing this popular game. Instruction provided for beginners. Get together a group of friends and learn a game which can provide years of entertainment. A minimum of four people needed for instruction. Please pre-register by calling Barbara at 789-1818.

Date: Tuesdays, starting April 16  
Time: 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Place: JCC, 151 Chapel  
Instructor: Barbara Breslow  
Cost: \$8.00 with lunch, \$3.00 without lunch

To register for any of these programs, please call the JCC at 789-1818. Pre-registration ESSENTIAL.

Please Note: You must be a JCC Member to participate in JCC programs. Membership is only \$25.00.

See you at the Centre this Spring!



### SPRING FLOWERS

A Drawing & Painting Workshop

Local artist Janet Agulnik will be offering a one-day workshop for people with little or no watercolour painting experience. Enjoy a delightful spring day - including lunch in the JCC's Drop-In Diner - drawing and painting. Janet will work with each participant at his or her skill level and promises that everyone will complete a painting that day.

Date: Tuesday, April 30  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Place: The Studio, JCC, 151 Chapel  
Instructor: Janet Agulnik  
Cost: \$25.00 (includes lunch)  
A list of supplies will be available upon registration



### MONEY SMART

Financial Planning for Women

Heather Snipper, president of Snipper Financial Planning Inc. and Delphi Investment Services Inc., has been a chartered financial planner and registered financial planner for sixteen years. She will help you wade through the intricacies of basic financial planning, including budgeting, risk management, saving and investing, wills and estate planning and domestic contracts.

Date: Thursdays, May 30 and June 6  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Place: 881 Broadview  
Instructor: Heather Snipper  
Cost: \$10.00



### BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE

A Workshop for Women

Are you afraid to go to a self-serve gas station? Does auto terminology sound like Greek to you? Here's your chance to learn a bit about the vehicle you spend so much time in. Drop your kids off at Hebrew school then join Mark Spengel for an instructive two hours in Auto Basics 101.

Date: Sunday, May 26  
Time: 9:45 - 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Midas Mullick, 1772 Carling Avenue  
Cost: \$5.00

### Coming Up...

#### MONTREAL YIDDISH THEATRE TRIP

Join us for a Sunday bus trip to the Sadie Bronfman Centre to enjoy the new musical comedy *Double Identity*, based on Sholem Aleichem's *It's Hard to Be a Jew*. The play, which contains 16 new songs, garnered rave reviews in its off-Broadway premiere. You don't understand Yiddish? No problem. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

Date: Sunday, June 16  
Cost: \$50.00. Includes round trip transportation and theatre ticket.  
(Dinner in kosher restaurant is extra.)  
DEADLINE TO REGISTER: May 13

#### DISCOVERY MINI-SEMINAR

Co-sponsored by the JCC, JET and Congregation Machzikei "Why the Jews?" The shocking explanation of the world's longest hatred. This seminar will transform the way you view yourself, your people and your history.

Date: Sunday, May 5  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Place: Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive  
Cost: \$10.00 in advance; \$12.00 at door

#### THE JERUSALEM EXPERIENCE

This exciting, interactive travelling museum of Jewish history and Torah is being brought to you jointly by the JCC and Congregation Machzikei Hadas. It will open in June at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue.

#### JUDAISM CLASSES

Co-sponsored with JET

A series of eight weekly classes on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., April 17 - June 5 at 881 Broadview Topics to be covered include "Essential Facts and Figures of Judaism" and more. To register or for further information call 521-4437.

## Come out to The Golden Age Club

Every Monday, the Golden Age Club meets at the Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel St. We have hot luncheons, interesting programs and friendly members.

April 29

1:00 p.m.  
Speaker from  
Arthritis Society

May 6

12:30 p.m.  
Luncheon at Hillel Lodge

May 13

12:30 p.m.  
Mother's Day Luncheon

Wednesday, May 15  
Trip to Montreal's  
Beth Zion Synagogue  
to visit Good Luck Club

May 20

Closed - Victoria Day

## ADULTS FOR LIVELY LEASURE

A luncheon

Lecture Program

at Adugath Israel

Synagogue

1400 Caledonia Avenue

May 23

12:00 p.m.

Speaker:

Rabbi Professor  
Ben Hoffer, former  
renowned Jewish scholar  
from Hebrew University  
and the Hebrew Union  
College

A.L.L. is jointly sponsored  
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Services. The program is  
co-ordinated by volunteers  
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## Spring Activities for Seniors

### PAINTING I

Explore your creative side. You will be surprised at what you can do. No painting experience required. Come out and make new friends, enjoy the company of old friends and discover your hidden talents. Maximum of 15 participants.

Date: Tuesdays, May 7 - June 11  
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
Place: JCC, 151 Chapel  
Instructor: Rosalyn Posner  
Cost: \$50.00

### HEART ALIVE

CPR for Older Adults

Learn to recognize the signs of heart attack, the No. 1 killer of Canadians. Prepare yourself to help someone you love. Learn how to be a heart saver.

Date: June 10 & 11  
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Place: JCC, 151 Chapel  
Cost: \$20.00

Instruction provided by  
St. John's Ambulance staff.

### Plus... New Adult Programs for Spring '96

(Please see ad on this page)

Put some spring into your step! Try a new activity this spring at the JCC.

To register or for more information please call Andrea at 789-1818.

Please Note: You must be a JCC Member to participate in JCC activities.



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### KNISHES & KROKUS KAR RALLY

Sunday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.

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To Esther at 598-1076

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Non-Members: \$18.00  
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## ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE



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JNF board member

A rabbi quickly learns he must make a tremendous commitment in terms of time and emotional energy to tend to the needs of his flock. Added to that are a host of Jewish causes, all of them worthy, competing for that same time.

The Jewish National Fund is indeed grateful that Rabbi Arnold Fine sees fit not only to include JNF among the several organizations which benefit from his wisdom and energy but also that his name stands as a past JNF Negev Dinner honoree.

"What draws me to JNF is the whole idea that the organization is so intimately involved with the development of the State of Israel, that it is in the process of rebuilding the ecological balance, that it is creating a natural infrastructure for the revitalization of the Israeli ecosystem," Fine says.

"You know, I started going to Israel when the countryside was still desolate. From a personal perspective, it's a delight to be able to stop by the roadside for a picnic or to relax in an area of greenery that I can still remember as being absolutely desolate.

"I'm very impressed with JNF's sensitivity to maintaining the balance of nature, the care with which it develops the roads and towns and other infrastructures of the State," he says.

The JNF Blue Box, which occupied a special place in Fine's childhood home, is a tradition he and his wife Chevy continued in their home together.

"And, I'm happy to say, our grandchildren are learning it now," the proud zaid smiles.

## Mazal Tov to our Bnei Mitzvah!

Young Ottawans Allen Holtzman and Nathalie Rothschild celebrated their 'coming of age' as Bnei Mitzvah recently. Both sets of proud parents chose to mark the milestone in their children's lives by inscribing their names in the JNF Sefer Bar/Bat Mitzvah. They join the millions of Bnei Mitzvah celebrants representative of every corner of the diaspora whose names are recorded for posterity in the beautiful JNF book on display at Keren Kayemet l'Israel in Jerusalem.

## Action Plan: Negev

## Land Reclamation

In the agricultural sense, land reclamation means the conversion of non-arable or partially arable soil into soil which can be cultivated. Certain areas of the Arava and Ramat HaNegev have been identified as having potential for continued agricultural development if the land is reclaimed. Given the advantages of climate, energy and water, land reclamation will make it possible to absorb additional residents, fill in settlement blocs and allow for regulated crop cycles.

Land reclamation will be carried out in the central Arava (3,200 dunams), the southern Arava (3,000 dunams), Ramat HaNegev (5,000 dunams) and at Kikar Sedom (800 dunams) at an overall investment from "Action Plan: Negev" funds of NIS 36 million.

With your help, JNF will make more of the desert bloom! Is your Blue Box full? Just drop it off at United Kosher Meat & Deli, 378 Richmond Road; or call Jeff Sidney (731-4646) or Henry Molot (728-0263).

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## A Night of Gold

Are you searching for a special way to celebrate Mother's Day? Congregation Beth Shalom West has the solution when on May 12 at 7:00 pm it presents Laila Dé Oro - A Night of Gold.

Highlights of this Sephardic Gala include a musical presentation by Cantor Daniel Benlolo and delicious Sephardic hors d'oeuvres and sweet table.

According to Cantor Benlolo, who will be accompanied by Evelyn Greenberg on piano and a band and youth choir from Montreal: "This will not be a traditional cantorial concert. Instead, it will be a lively evening of popular Sephardic, Ladino and Israeli melodies with lots of mouth-watering food".

A feature of the evening will be a tribute to guest of honor Eli Yerushalmi who, along with his family, is returning to Israel after three years in Ottawa. He has been chargé d'affaires for the Israeli Embassy and, most recently, the acting ambassador to Canada.

Tajeddine Baddou, ambassador of Morocco, will also be in attendance.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein notes that "this is a good way to introduce the Ashkenazic community to the spirit and tastes of Sephardic Jews".

Tickets at \$36 per person (with a tax receipt of \$18) can be ordered by calling Bev Glube, Beth Shalom West (723-1800).

Propriety  
to punk

Agudath Israel Sisterhood is hosting a unique fashion show, Propriety to Punk, on April 28. Presented the past 12 years by Jonathan Walford, the curator of the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto and an avid collector of antique clothing, the show features beaded flapper dresses, couture cocktail sheaths and paper minis.

Propriety to Punk illustrates that fashion is more than the ideal of beauty but is a reflection of the daily events that influence us. The community is invited to attend the show at 2:00 pm at Agudath Israel Congregation. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which includes refreshments.

JET sponsors  
Shabbaton April 26-27

Jewish Education through Torah - JET - is sponsoring a weekend Shabbaton at Beth Shalom West April 26-27. JET Director Rabbi Zischa Shaps will address the question, "The Chosen People - Chosen for What?" and Rabbi Howard Finkelstein will speak on "And You Be Holy", based on the Parashah Kedoshim.

Accommodations and Shabbat dinner are available at homes in the area. The cost is \$18 per person, \$36 per family (JET members); \$25 per person, \$50 per family (non-members). To attend, call Rabbi Shaps (521-4437) or Gori Goldstein (523-4214).



Eli Yerushalmi



Daniel Benlolo

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## KID LIT

# Understanding Jewish and Israeli history



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DEANNA SILVERMAN

For youngsters, history is often a confusing subject. True, most can memorize dates and facts which they periodically regurgitate for marks on tests. But regurgitating history bears little resemblance to understanding history. Hence the confusion.

According to Harvard educational psychologist Dr. Howard Gardner, educating for understanding means that a student can use the facts he or she has learned to problem solve new situations. Among other purposes, understanding history in Gardner's use of the term empowers people to recognize and refute historical revisionism.

That is why I'm so delighted with the following two books. Each promotes understanding by presenting Jewish and Israeli history within a broad context. Each entertains, informs and educates on a grand scale.

### The Ancient World of the Bible

By Malcolm Day  
Viking/Penguin Books USA Inc. 1994  
78 pages Ages 8 and up.

*The Ancient World of the Bible* is a beautifully designed and crafted reference book. It combines a vibrant retelling of biblical Jewish history with archeologically-based historical evidence and scientifically-based hypotheses.

Given the author's background as head of the department of Christian Religion at a Khartoum high school, I was a little apprehensive when I picked up the book. Would it have Christian or Islamic overtones? Would it distort the Jewish perception of those ancient times? Happily, the answer to both questions is no.

Instead, I found ancient Jewish history come alive in a way that few other books had ever achieved. I credit this success to the book's free-flowing split page design, spectacular graphics, and the author's skill

and vision as both a researcher and storyteller.

Each two page spread is a unique environment overflowing with an intriguing variety of illustrations, explanations, speculations and a robust retelling of biblical stories. The stories look like they are written on parchment. The overall effect of this layout is magnetic, drawing the reader into a detailed scrutiny of every item on the two pages.

As a result I now have a much richer mental picture of numerous biblical highlights. For example, what is your mental image of how the Ark was built and what it probably looked like; the same for the Tower of Babel; the wanderings in the desert; the tabernacle; the Temple; agriculture as an element in the story of Ruth, etc.?

Clear, colorful maps and a time line help readers follow the ebbs and flow of peoples, events and civilizations from Abraham's time to the days of Prophets Ezra and Nehemiah. In sum, thoroughly fascinating!

### Understanding Israel

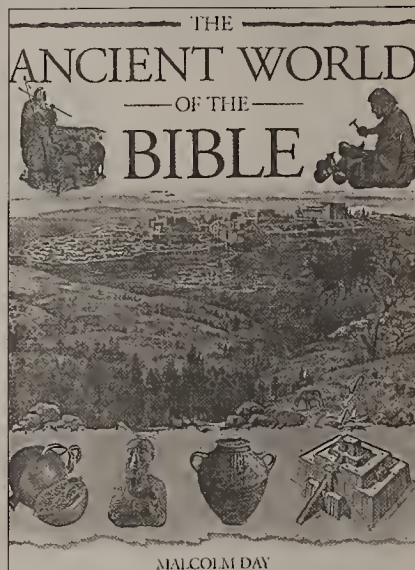
By Sol Scharfstein  
Ktav Publishing House, Inc. 1994  
144 pages Ages 10 and up.

*Understanding Israel* is a breathtaking panoramic overview of modern Israel that includes a sweeping, but surprisingly thorough, reprise of ancient Jewish history.

As a reference book it is timely, informative and easy to use. Its voice is exuberantly Zionist, its tone celebratory and its vision focused on a future Israel enjoying the benefits of internal and external peace.

Well organized and beautifully designed, its text, maps, photographs, art and stamp reproductions enhance communications and understanding. Little of interest to young readers has been omitted though Eilat and Yad Va'Shem, to name two specific items, deserve more attention.

Nevertheless, the amount of detail in this overview is amazing. I'm especially pleased by the use of the current peace process as both an underlying theme throughout the book and a subject in its own right.



MALCOLM DAY

The eight other subjects covered are: Land of Israel, People, Government, Religion, Culture, Economy, Archeology and History.

Unfortunately one flaw crops up every now and then that would have been caught by thorough proof-reading rather than over reliance on a spell checker. A spell checker catches one kind of problem. It doesn't catch errors of omission such as "On this day, Wednesday, 7, 1967..." (p. 42) and similar gaffs.

Nevertheless, *Understanding Israel* is an entertaining, colorful and inviting introduction to Israel. It deserves a wide audience among Jews and non-Jews.

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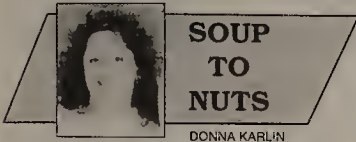
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## FROM SOUP TO NUTS

## Delicious home-made substitutes for ingredients

SOUP  
TO  
NUTS

DONNA KARLIN

Have you every passed over a recipe because it contained ingredients that weren't kosher or you didn't know where to buy them? Here are a few that are easy to make at home and will make preparing some of these recipes easier.

**Mascarpone Cheese**

1 quart whipping cream  
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice, strained

Choose a stainless steel bowl with a lip that will fit on the edge of a large saucepan, so that it touches the surface of the water but the lip still sits firmly on the sides of the pan. Remove the bowl, place the saucepan over medium-high heat and bring the water to a boil. Pour the cream into the bowl and set over the pan of boiling water. Lower the heat to medium and warm the

cream, stirring occasionally and check the temperature often until it reaches 190°. Stir in the strained lemon juice and continue to stir gently until the cream begins to curdle. Remove the pan from the heat, cover the bowl and let the curds firm up a bit for 10 minutes. Line a colander or strainer with several thicknesses of dampened piece of cheesecloth or a piece of muslin. Set the strainer over a bowl and gently spoon the curds into the strainer. Let cool to room temperature, cover the strainer tightly with plastic wrap, and chill for 24 hours to let the cheese finish draining and become firm. Transfer the cheese to a tightly covered container and chill. It should be used within 3 days. Makes about 1 pound.

**Dried Tomatoes**

24 fresh large Italian plum tomatoes  
Salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar  
1/4 cup minced fresh basil  
2 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced  
Extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 250°. Cut tomatoes in half lengthwise. Scoop out any white membrane, seeds and juice. Place tomato halves cut side up on a large baking sheet.

Sprinkle them lightly with salt and pepper. Drizzle 1/4 tsp of vinegar onto each tomato. Bake for 3 hours, until most of the vinegar is absorbed and tomatoes are only slightly moist. Turn tomatoes over and bake an hour more. Turn again and bake 1-2 hours until tomatoes are wrinkled and leathery. Cool tomatoes in the pan on a rack. Layer tomatoes, basil and garlic in a 1-quart sterilized jar. Add enough oil to cover tomatoes completely. Cover tightly and refrigerate at least 1 week before using. Add more oil as needed to keep tomatoes covered at all times. They will keep well refrigerated for 3 months. Makes 4 cups.

**Crème Fraiche**

2 cups whipping cream  
2 tbsp buttermilk

In a container, whisk the cream and buttermilk together. Cover with a clean kitchen towel and let stand at room temperature for 24 hours. This will thicken slightly. Cover container and refrigerate. It will thicken further as it chills. This will keep refrigerated up to 10 days. Makes 2 cups.



## A remarkable story of survival

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changed our clothes, we had none to change into. We were living like animals."

On April 1, Edie was among 300 seminary prisoners who volunteered for work in a brick factory in Kecskeket in northwestern Hungary. Their arrival was greeted by the Arrow Cross - Hungarian Nazis - brandishing whips, rods and brooms they used to beat the new recruits from both sides of the walkway as they were marched in.

In Kecskeket she joined 11,000 Jews who had been rounded up from the

Hungarian countryside. Instructed to take everything with them, many had come with wagons full of food, clothing and valuables. Everyone slept on the floors.

"The 300 of us from Budapest had nothing," Edie says. "We had no food, no clothing. And the Jewish leader of the camp - because the brick factory was actually just another holding camp - told us he didn't know if the others could help us with food because they themselves had no idea how long they would have to stay there."

Salvation for Edie appeared in the person of an elderly Jewish physician.

Beckoning to her and another young girl, he informed them they would sleep rolled up in a blanket as pillows for his wife and himself.

"I didn't know what to make of it," Edie says. But then he explained.

"You have to understand," Dr. Feldheim said, "at night the Nazis come in and pick all the attractive young girls and take them out for their pleasure. Before they lay eyes on you I want you to know this is where you're going to sleep so they won't find you."

What the good physician had said was true, and the two girls, rolled up as pillows, were untouched.

Edie worked briefly scrubbing kettles in the holding camp kitchen until she was discovered pilfering food for other inmates. Then, like everyone else, she sat and waited.

On April 17, following a wholesale strip search of the captives an announcement came: the next morning prisoners would board wagons to waiting cattle cars bound for concentration camps. All belongings were to be left behind.

Edie volunteered to help with the sick and infirm.

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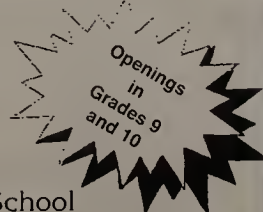
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## SIXTY SOMETHING



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RUTH WEITZ

## What did I want to say?

I was so glad to hear the response of my neighbor when I asked her a question the other day. She opened her mouth as if to speak, stared at me and said sheepishly, "I'm sorry. I forgot. What did you ask?" I just asked her the question, for heaven's sake.

How can one forget in a second? Don't ask me. I don't know. But I'm glad because it proves I am not alone. I said to myself, hah, you too? How often I reach for an everyday word that eludes me. I know what I want to say; it's on the tip of my tongue, but the word just sits there, never reaching my brain. Well, maybe in the middle of the night, but the person I was talking to is sleeping and in the light of day, I surely won't remember.

How often have I walked into a room to get something. There I stand, not remembering what I came for. After looking at all the familiar objects I've looked at for 15 years, I walk away shaking my head and thinking, oh, forget it. It couldn't have been important or I would remember. Not exactly true.

I have something in my hand when the phone rings. I lay the object down and answer the phone. Doesn't matter if the conversation is long or short. When I put the receiver back in place and want to continue what I was doing, I can't find my object. Where did I put it? I had it in my hand when the telephone rang. I retrace my steps. I just had it! How could I lose it? Frustration overcomes me. The thing can't be far away. After all, how big is my apartment? After a long search, I find it. Right where I put it when the phone rang. Of course. So why didn't I remember that?

Walking with a friend I meet another friend. I've called them by their right names for years. Yet here they are in front of me and I can't remember one friend's name. I want to introduce them but I'm too embarrassed to admit I don't remember a name I've known for years. At that precise moment and for the 10 minutes we stand and talk, the name never enters my memory. I'm even too embarrassed to apologize.

I write a letter that should have been written last month. How does the time go so fast? Well, anyway, I finally get around to writing it. I seal the envelope, lick the stamp and put the letter in my purse so I'll remember to mail it. Three days later I find the letter still in my purse. I forgot it was there.

All this has nothing to do with age. I recall reading somewhere, and of course I've forgotten where or who wrote it, but it goes like this:

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### AMEDEO MODIGLIANI

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

In order to celebrate the arrival of spring, we drove to Montreal to see *The Unknown Modigliani* exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. Accompanying the exhibition, which consists of works collected by his friend and patron, Dr. Paul Alexandre, is a video giving the audience a sense of the person, Amedeo Modigliani (1884-1920). The film included interviews with his daughter who was 19 months when her father tragically died of tuberculosis at the age of 35 and when her mother committed suicide the following day.

His daughter has written a book about the legends built up around her father from his Jewish-Italian roots, his life in Italy and finally to his career in Paris. It must have been difficult for her when report after report exposed her father as an alcoholic, a drug addict and a womanizer. Did this insistent state of intoxication contribute to the distortion of faces and the elongation of the features? If it did, it is surely not his only source of inspiration.

The curator of the exhibition appropriately displays African figures and a 4,000-year-old Cycladic figure from the Aegean Islands adjacent to Modigliani's drawings to establish the

remarkable likeness. Modigliani would have known similar works which were on display and in vogue at the time. In addition, the contemporary sculptor Constantin Brancusi was also experimenting with long, sinuous forms and minimal amount of detail. All of these artists were in search of the ideal beauty.

If Modigliani was in a constant state of inebriation, it was not transmitted to his sober compositions or his confident lines. The result is pure harmony. The imaginative variations of poses are documented in his stylized theatrical and circus figures, his caryatids which function as an architectural support, his sensuous nudes and his expressive portraits.

The majority of works in this exhibition are drawings but there are a few oil paintings. One in particular, *The Amazon*, 1909, emphasizes the frustrations of an artist painting to please a patron. The Baroness Marguerite de Hasse de Villers commissioned Modigliani to paint her portrait as an equestrian wearing the traditional red riding jacket. The artist was not satisfied with the result and decided to paint the jacket yellow. Displeased, the baroness refused the painting. However,

### the unknown modigliani

Drawings from the Collection of Paul Alexandre



the public was not displeased when it was exhibited at the Salon des Indépendants in Paris in 1909, nor were we displeased by the striking beauty of the figure.

Fortunately, Dr. Alexandre gave Modigliani unconditional support: "I saw him almost every day, shared his plans, his likes and dislikes, his sorrows and his joys. The man was as attractive as his work... From the day of our first meeting I was struck by his remarkable artistic gifts, and I begged him not to destroy a single sketch book or a single study. I put the meagre resources I could spare at his disposal."

The maturing of Modigliani's style is discernible thanks to Alexandre's collecting and organizing the large body of works for this ambitious show which runs until April 28.

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## LOUIS AND LEAH STEINBERG MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a beloved mother and grandmother Leah Steinberg by Claire Kevanstein and Sharon Harris.

In observance of the Yartzheit of a beloved brother and uncle Ben Steinberg by Claire Kevanstein and Sharon Harris.

## NATHAN AND THELMA STEINMAN FUND

Best wishes to Ruth and Irving Aaron on the marriage of Jeffrey to Michelle by Thelma Steinman.

In memory of Jacob Lustman by Thelma Steinman.

## FREDA AND PHIL SWEDKO MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Irving Swedko on his birthday by Mom Alice.

Best wishes to Beverly Swedko on her special birthday by Elsa, Norman, Peter and Stacey Swedko.

## ARCHIE AND LILLIAN TALLER FUND

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Teller and family for a happy and healthy Pesach by Mom and Dad Teller.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Thaw on the

birth of their son and a happy and healthy Pesach by Lillian and Archie Teller.

Best wishes to Betty Shapiro and family for a happy and healthy Pesach by Lillian and Archie Teller.

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Best wishes to Zeev Vered on his 70th birthday by Greg and Tami Sanders.

### STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR FUND

In memory of Jacob Lustman by Gail, Stephen, Jodie and Andrea Victor.

### SONIA AND ARTHUR VINER FUND

Best wishes to Gladys and John Greenberg on the birth of their granddaughter and best wishes for a happy and healthy Pesach by Rose and Chick Taylor.

Best wishes to Karen and Ian Zunder on the birth of their daughter and best wishes for a happy and healthy Pesach by Rose and Chick Taylor.

### WASERMAN FAMILY MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yahrzeit of a beloved husband, father and grandfather Hyman Waserman by Dora Waserman; by Arlene, Mel, Karen and Ian Schweg, and by Jackie, Joel, Mark and Howard Waserman.

Best wishes to Barbara Bragman on her special birthday by aunt Elita and uncle Saul Hersch.

### JOSEPH AND SONIA WEINSTEIN MEMORIAL FUND

Best wishes to Jerry Sipacoff for a "tah sh'lemah" by Yetta and Larry Aaron.

Best wishes to Evelyn Polechin on her special birthday by Yetta and Larry Aaron.

### MORRIS AND MARLETTE WOOLFSON FUND

Best wishes to Mary Goldberg on her 85th birthday by Jerry and Roslyn Snyder.

Best wishes to Morris Woolfson on his 90th birthday by Jerry and Roslyn Snyder.

### NATHAN, DAVID AND MAX ZELIKOVITZ FAMILIES FUND

Mazal Tov to Evelyn and Norman Polechin on their 50th wedding anniversary by Max Zelikovitz.

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## Michael Landau and Faye Goldman donate insurance policy to Foundation

Michael Landau and Faye Goldman have donated \$100,000 to the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF).

Five years ago, Michael, an Ottawa native, returned to this city to open a dentistry practice after practising in Toronto for three years, and Faye began her residence program in family medicine at the University of Ottawa.

"I grew up here and benefited from previous community contributions. I thought contributing to the OJCF would be a perfect opportunity to give back to the community and to ensure its vibrancy for years to come," Michael said.

How can such a young couple afford to

give so much? Through a donation of a life insurance policy.

"I heard about the planned giving program through my father when he was president of the OJCF," Michael stated. "The principle is simple. You purchase a life insurance policy naming the Foundation as beneficiary. The policy is held by the Foundation. You pay the annual premium and receive a charitable receipt for income tax purposes from the Foundation."

Faye added: "It's a wonderful way to guarantee that there will be a strong Jewish community in Ottawa for our son Jacob and his peers. After all, the Talmud says, 'As my Fathers planted for me before



Michael Landau, Faye Goldman and son Jacob

"I was born so do I plant for those who come after me."

## A remarkable story of survival

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"It was a nightmare. Some of the people we were carrying had gone mad and were beating us and we still had to carry them. Even if they were dead you had to put them into wagons because to the Nazis the numbers were all-important," she says.

Just as the last of the 80 volunteers were climbing onto a wagon, Allied bombing along the rail line buried Edie under a pile of debris.

"When I came to it was late and getting dark and I was quite dazed," she says. "I heard a sound - psst - and discovered another woman who had had the same experience. I started running around the padlocked wagons searching for my friend when somebody called out 'Halt!' in German." Within minutes she was standing before the camp commander, the dreaded sadist, Zoldi.

Edie was petrified. Only that morning she had seen Zoldi gently approach a young couple carrying their newborn baby in a basket between them. "May I?" he had inquired, smiling kindly. Then he had taken the basket, looked the young couple directly in the eyes and said, "This you won't need where you're going," and flung baby and basket against a brick wall.

But luck was with Edie. Whether Zoldi did not want to be diverted from his task of dividing up the Jewish booty or whether he recognized her as the little girl who had lived up the street from his mother's tobacco shop, Edie doesn't know. But he bought her quickly trumped up story about losing her papers during the bombing while delivering orders for some vague company.

"Here," he said, putting his signature to a paper bearing the false name she'd given him, "you can take the next train. This will identify that you are okay."

At the station she encountered her fellow survivor and added her name to the precious

document. Terrified, despite the paper they carried, the pair boarded the far side of the last car of the train and sat on the steps for the night-long ride to Budapest. As the train slowed down on the city's outskirts, they jumped off and, on foot, made their way through the back alleyways and dark side streets into the heart of Budapest.

Edie found refuge at the home of her family physician. The doctor's wife arranged to procure papers for Edie from a niece who lived in the countryside. However, getting the papers to Budapest would take time and, since the doctor's home was under Nazi surveillance, Edie was brought to wait in a small, solitary house situated in a lumberyard.

"I was all alone in that dark house for days," Edie says. "The lumberyard was beside a railroad track and every night I would watch the partisans pushing the German train all the way back to Tito's line. The next day the Germans would arrive and curse them. I didn't dare turn on a light to read so that was my entertainment, to watch them every night."

Once the papers arrived Edie was taken back to the physician's home where, in the middle of raging war, she underwent an emergency tonsillectomy.

Recovered, she was hidden with others in the basement of an apartment building, there subsisting on dried peas and beans cooked in a snow-filled pot over a fire made from broken furniture.

Having papers allowed her to emerge occasionally to conduct searches for her sisters. On one such excursion she was wounded by a pistol shot; on several others she witnessed long lines of chained Jews being shot and thrown into the icy waters of the Danube River. Her searches proved futile.

Liberation came on January 18, 1945 when four armed Russian soldiers entered the basement shelter. One of the Russians started yelling: "Hlona! You have an Hlona! Hlona."

As the others watched in

horror, a frightened little girl named Hlona slowly raised her hand.

"We stood there shaking like leaves, helpless, sure she would be raped," Edie said. "But to our amazement the Russian began caressing her, murmuring endearments, pulling chocolates, bread, crackers from his pockets. Someone who understood a little Russian made out that the soldier had married an Hlona just before he was taken into the army and wanted to find an Hlona so he could give something to her."

The next day Edie located her father and his new wife in the ghetto. "Conditions were terrible. No food, no nothing. Women being raped."

The trio returned to the Ronas' pre-war apartment and Edie started running between Budapest and Vienna in search of her sisters. Four months after liberation she walked past two skeletal forms in the lobby of her apartment building. Turning around, she recognized her sisters; they had survived the horrors of Bergen-Belsen.

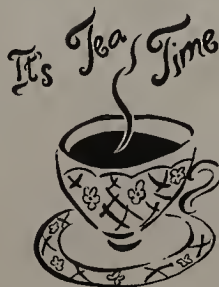
The three sisters eventually immigrated to live with an

uncle in New Jersey. Edie was 21. She learned English, lived and worked in New York and had a brief marriage which ended in divorce.

In the spring of 1959 Edie joined a friend who was going to visit with a doctor in Ste. Agathe. A young Montreal psychiatrist, Dr. Erwin Koranyi, was also visiting.

"The other two played cards and Erwin and I sat up talking for hours," Edie says with a smile.

The Koranyis will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary in November.



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# JEWISH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 22	TUESDAY, APRIL 23	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24	THURSDAY, APRIL 25	FRIDAY, APRIL 26	SATURDAY, APRIL 27	SUNDAY, APRIL 28
<p>Jewish Community Centre Beginners Bridge, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Ottawa Reconstructionist Havurah Speaker: Sharon Abren Drache reading from her novel in progress, <i>The Old Town Hall</i>, 61 Main Street, 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>State of Israel Bonds Women's Division Executive Meeting, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre/Israel Program Centre Yom Ha'Atzmaut/Yom Ha'Atzmaut, 151 Chapel Street, 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre/Israel Program Centre Yom Ha'Atzmaut Flag Raising Ceremony, Ottawa City Hall, 111 Sussex Drive, 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ottawa Talmud Torah Board Meeting, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p> CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 7:42 PM</p>		<p>Jewish Community Centre Sunday Funday for children grades 1 and higher, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Hadassah-WIZD Taste of Chocolate, Citadel Inn, 101 Lyon Street, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Cable 22, 3:00 pm. </p>
MONDAY, APRIL 29	TUESDAY, APRIL 30	WEDNESDAY, MAY 1	THURSDAY, MAY 2	FRIDAY, MAY 3	SATURDAY, MAY 4	SUNDAY, MAY 5
<p>Cable 22, 6:00 pm. </p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre Drop-In Diner, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Drawing and Painting Workshop, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group Book Review of "Prince of West End Avenue" by Alan Isler - Reviewed by Minda Wershof, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Jewish Community Centre "In the Know", Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>JACS, Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>State of Israel Bonds Cocktail Reception, Home of Sara and Zeev Vered, 839 Melwood Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p> CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE 7:51 PM</p>		<p>Jewish Community Centre/JET Machzikel Hadas Discovery Mini Seminar, "Why The Jews?", Machzikel Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Drive, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Jewish Community Centre Sunday Funday for children grades 1 and higher, Jewish Community Campus, 881 Broadview Avenue, 1:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ottawa Jewish Historical Society Speaker: Elliott Gluck, Topic: "Exceptional Efforts of the Ottawa Jewish Community During World War II", Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Hillel Academy Annual Spring Tea, Chateau Laurier Hotel Ballroom, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Canada Israel Cultural Foundation Exhibit and Talk, 24 Cedarhill Drive, 7:30 p.m.</p>

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Women's Federation of the Jewish Community Council. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by advising Kayla Mallay, calendar co-ordinator at 789-9730 between 10 am and 4 pm. Accurate details must be provided.

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4. Message Centre Ottawa Telecommunications cellular phone - Dr. Bryan Altschuler
5. New York Institute of Photography - Sam Brozovsky
6. Goldart Jewellery gold chain - Golda Feig Steinman
7. Sooter's portrait and sitting - Mindy Bullion
8. Shadillac Ranch gift certificate - William G. Moss
9. Maple Creek Classic Canadian Clothing - Zoe Schvan
10. Body Works three month membership - Mark Griller
11. Domus gift certificate - Dr. Michael Rapp and Dr. Lyon Hamburg
12. Rockland Textiles - Minto Developers
13. Domus Housewares gift certificate - Ann Goldberg

## Mazal Tov!

### It's a girl!

Jerrold and Tzippy Landau are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Meira, born March 12, 1996 in Toronto.

Proud grandparents are Edie and Issie Landau of Ottawa and Sarah and Bernie Rachlin of Toronto.

### It's a boy!

Lisa and Jamie Melamed are absolutely thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Hartley Earl, born March 13, 1996.

Hartley is bringing much pride and naches to his extended family all over North America.

### It's a boy!

Seline and Howard Yegendorf are delighted to announce the birth of their son Dylan Harris, born on March 29, 1996, weighing 7 lb 3 oz. Brother to Alexa Miriam, Grandson to Jessie and Fred Fiksel of Nepean and Helen and Max Yegendorf of Montreal.

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